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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

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JANUARY

4	**Twelfth Night (Caerthe) Mirianna (303) 394–4003**	17/20
11	**Twelfth Night (Plattefordham) Mavis (307) 237–1795**	22
18-19	**Twelfth Night (Citadel of the Southern Pass) Rahlahn (915) 587–5262**	23
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25	**Winter Follies (Blaiddwyn) Ainrea (505) 254–0586**	24

FEBRUARY

1	**Imbolic VII (Glean Medonach) Catlin (505) 347–2171**	24
1	**Candlemas (Dragonsspine) Ayslynn (719) 597–4944**	25/26
14-19	*Estrella War (Atenveldt) Marcus (602) 274–9513*	27
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8-9	Outland's Arts and Sciences Competition	
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29	**April Fool's Masqued Ball (Windkeep) Renate (307) 635–1320**	26

APRIL

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26	Purple Flamboyance (Caerthe) Tess (303) 306–1430	

Calendar Key:
The intended royal progress is indicated by the
Bold means article inside

Italics means it's in another kingdom
All events listed are official SCA events.

The deadline for the January *Outlandish Herald* is December 1st.

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FROM THEIR ROYAL MAJESTIES
—TORIN AND ELISHEVA—

Unto the populace of these Outlands do We, Torin and Elisheva, send royal greetings and the warmest of tidings as we begin a glorious winter together.

It is Our greatest pleasure to rule this beautiful and powerful kingdom. We thank all of you who have helped us so much already. Coronation was a wonderful event for us in many different ways. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the autocrat, Mistress Elaina de Sinistre; to Her Ladyship Tatiana who provided for us a delightful feast; to all the marshals who helped on the tournament fields; and especially to the good barony of Dragonsspine whose combined efforts made the event a great success.

At Our Coronation We were graced with many noble visitors from outside Our realm. We send our deepest appreciation to Their Majesties, Eric and Nichelle, the Estrella War autocrats, and the royal entourage from Atenveldt. We also wish to thank His Excellency, Sir Edrick, for his attendance, as he represented well the noble kingdom of Caid. Our best wishes and congratulations go to Our brother at arms and native Outlander, His Royal Highness, Cathyn, for winning the Calontir Crown Tournament. We also thank Cathyn and his beautiful Princess, Branwynn, for sharing company with us at Coronation.

Now to war. The treaty negotiations for the Estrella War went very smoothly and quickly. Archers WILL fight in all non-static battles (of which there are many). There are a few new fighting scenarios which should be to everyone's satisfaction. Fencers, prepare yourselves well for melee fighting, as there shall be a war point awarded to Our kingdom with your victory. The point goes to the kingdom winning the best three out of five fencing battles. We know that you will do Us great honor.

The Arts & Sciences categories at Estrella this year will consist of cartography, glass working, and Arms/Armor (functional). We would like to see a great number of our artisans participate in this competition. We also ask our artisans a great favor. As much as you are able, we would appreciate any contributions of your works that we may use as gifts for others during our reign. By these gifts will your talents be shown here and abroad, and our kingdom will be further beautified. If a donation is made, We ask that you include a small note with the creator's name and perhaps a brief description and/or documentation of the item so that this knowledge may be passed on to all interested.

We look forward to meeting all of you during Our reign.

TORIN elisheva

FROM THE KING

We, Torin, shall lead the mighty force of the Outlands army into victory at the Estrella war. We call upon Our knights, fighters, fencers, archers, artisans and their supporters to join Us. While we have war on the Aten front, we shall make peace in Caid. Our beloved Queen, Elisheva, accompanied by certain of Our loyal subjects to attend her, will journey to Caid for the Great Western War. Our friendship with Caid has never been in question and We wish to build upon this for the future. Though We shall miss Our noble Queen in her absence, We have confidence that Our victory at Estrella will be assured while Queen Elisheva strengthens the Outlands' relations elsewhere.

The Outlands has always presented a true and honest face when dealing with its neighbors. Over the past few weeks We have become aware of many slanderous words via the internet. So far, We have seen none of this from Outlanders. Still, We ask those who communicate with others outside our kingdom whether in person, on paper, by phone, or via the internet to remember that you are representing your kingdom. The factual exchange of information is encouraged, but we frown upon rumor mongers and those who would slight Our Kingdom and the lands of Our Royal cousins with destructive and petty hearsay. Know that Our oath to protect and defend the Outlands extends into the ethereal realm as well the physical one. Take care that your words and actions honor the Crown and Kingdom of the Outlands.

In Service to you through the Crown, TORIN, Rex

THE ROYAL RETINUE

King's Champion
Sir Haroun ibn al-Dhib al Abayadh

Queen's Champion
Lord Kassan the Celt

Warlord
Lord Martino Michel Veneri

Protector of the Queen's Heart
Bernajoux du Lac

Blue Iris Herald
Lord Conchobhar MacMaelain (Iannan)

Chatelaine to the Royal House
The Honourable Lady Annaliese

Councillor to the Crown
Mistress Helena the Fortunate

Mistress of the Robes
Baroness Elenfea of Starwood

Their Majesties Cook
Lord George of Tarkus

Rapier of Chivalry
Don Wolfgang Sebastian Kohl

Flower of Chivalry
Master Maelgwen McCaine

Shield of Chivalry
Duke Johann von Balduinseck

Champion of the Arts & Sciences
Don Ragno

Royal Archer
Stitan of al-Barran

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Doña Ainrea McCulloch
Lady Ara bint Haroun
Lady Catherine Duran
Lady Ilona Keresztely
Lady Driana de Tarante
Lady Claudia Lizabetta Senatori
Christianna Anne Steen

Attendant to His Majesty
(The Royal Babe in Waiting)
Duchess Berengaria Du Chinon

Queen's Guard
Lady Ava
Lord Bela the Magyar
Lord Adam the Persistent
Lord Bjarki Gulbjörnsson
Lord Maximillian del Monaco
Lord Kerold Hoegaarten
Lord Bohemond de Sinistre
Lord Rodrigo de Navarre

King's Guard
Lord Random de Lay
Lord Brodir Thorgrimsson
Otakte
Lord Coerten

FROM THE KINGDOM SENESCHAL

Unto the people of the Outlands, greetings from Maestra Francesca di Pavia.

The holidays are upon us! In this festive season we gather often to feast, revel and enjoy the company of friends. Amid all of the merriment, I just want to remind everyone to take note of the rules of the site for any event you plan to attend. If a site is dry, please do not bring or consume alcohol! If a site is "discreetly wet" or "damp", please do not abuse that restriction! Autocrats, be sure alcohol rules are always clearly stated in your event announcements. Everyone's cooperation is needed and greatly appreciated.

In other matters, there have been numerous questions about the award charter for the *Cordon Royal,* an amendment to which was published in the Red Tape Issue. I apologize for not including the full text there. For those who are curious, it is included in this month's OH. If nothing else, it is interesting from a historical perspective. In sum, the change removed the limitation on how many Cordons a King could award.

This brings up a question: Are the charters for all of the Outlands awards of sufficient interest to everyone to warrant including them in full in the next update of the *Red Tape Issue*? Please give me your thoughts on this subject.

Holiday cheer, peace and joy to all -

Francesca

FROM THE WHITE STAG PRINCIPAL HERALD

Greetings, good people of the Outlands!

As many of you already know, I assumed the duties of White Stag in October. I'd like to publicly thank Mistress Fiachra ni Ciardhubhain for her three years of service in this office, as well as Master Walter Kempe of Falconhold who served as her submissions deputy. All correspondence, reports and submissions should now be coming to me.

My immediate efforts will be to increase communication with you, our clients, regarding the status of your submissions through the College of Arms. Also, I'll be making more training, support, and research materials available to local heralds throughout the Kingdom, so they are better able to answer your heraldic and onomastic questions. The Outlands College of Heralds performs a unique function. I strongly believe that we exist to serve and educate the populace of the Kingdom, and we're striving to improve that service. Suggestions from you will be eagerly welcomed.

In her August Letter, the Laurel Queen of Arms registered the following items:
Cordelia FitzRobert of York, device—Gules, a demi-sun in splendor Or issuant from a cloud argent. **Eirik i Sandvik,** name and device—Vert, a pile inverted barry wavy argent and azure between two garbs Or and a chief indented argent. **Elspeth the Semstress of Dunkeld,** name and device—Or, two needles in saltire sable between flaunches purpure. **Hywel Gain,** name and device—Counter-ermine, a bend ermine. **Karl von Schattenburg,** badge—A seeblatt Or. **Llwyd Emrys,** name change from 'Ambrosius the Grey'. **Madog of Glastonbury,** name. **Marie Solange Chantal de Sainte Genevieve,** device—Gyronny

argent ermined azure and azure, a caltrop within a bordure Or. **Moyra MacColla,** name. **Rashiqah Amatulbarri bint Azhar al-Kahirawayyiah** a name change from 'Rhianwen ferch Morgant'. **Torcail Gilleghaolain,** device change—Azure, three bars and in chief three mullets argent.

On the same Letter, she returned the following items: **Elaina de Sinistre,** badge. **Kamitatsu (no) Toshimoto,** name appeal.

In her September Letter, the Laurel Queen of Arms registered the following items: **Andre de Foucault,** device—Sable, a compass star elongated to base quarterly argent and Or supported by two lions queue forchy combatant, that to dexter argent and that to sinister Or. **Catelin O'Kelley,** name and device—Per bend sinister vert and sable, a bend sinister Or between two dexter hands apaumy argent. **Collette Ewartburgh,** name. **Costanza de Navarre,** name and device—Azure, in pale a crescent and a mullet within a bordure argent. **Edmund of Rhuddlan,** name. **Gerard Casteleyn,** device—Per pale gules and argent, a castle within a bordure embattled all counterchanged. **Grellan O'Conchobhair,** device—Ermine, a dragon segreant between four hands erased apaumy vert. **Isabeau Noellet d'Avignon,** name. **James Forester,** name and device—Argent maily sable, in pale a label dovetailed gules and a pine tree vert. **Kathryn Brian Chevreuil,** name and device—Per pale purpure and argent ermined purpure, two swans rousant respectant counter-changed. **Marcus Silverthorne,** name. **Maura Ballard,** device—Purpure, two scarpes between two iris blossoms Or. **Meadhbh Daingen int Slebhe,** name. **Rhys Afalwin,** badge—A cider press sable. **Ximena Alhaja de Lorca,** name and device—Purpure, two mermaids respectant, each playing a pipe argent and in base a lyre Or."

On the same Letter, she returned the following items: **Caerthe, Barony of,** badge. **Collete Ewartburgh,** device. **Isabeau Noellet d'Avignon,** device. **Marcus Silverthorne,** device

In service,

Karl

FROM THE MINISTER OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

As winter settles in for another long visit, many are turning to the warmth of indoor artistic activities. There are several upcoming events scheduled for this Spring that will provide our Kingdom with numerous opportunities to shine.

Estrella War XIII is scheduled for this coming February in the Kingdom of Atenveldt. The three categories for the Arts & Sciences Competition will be: Cartography, Glass, and Armor. More information should be coming from the Deputy of Arts & Sciences for Estrella, Baroness Isabel du Lac d'Azur. Your Local A&S Officer should have more detailed information concerning the individual categories. Instructors are also needed at Estrella for every aspect of SCA interest. If you are interested in teaching, please contact HL Fiona Gwyllt Wynne (c/o Verna Ramondino, 2911 West Campbell Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85017, phone (602) 433-0137).

The populace of the Known Worlde is invited to join the Kingdom of Caid at the first annual Great Western War, an Inter-Kingdom gathering to celebrate the arts of war and

peace. The event is scheduled for the third weekend of February at the beautiful Prado Regional Park in Chino, CA. Arts & Sciences activities and classes are being planned throughout the weekend.

The Kingdom of the Outlands A&S Competition will be held in March. We are in a wonderful position to reconstruct the way our A&S Champion(s) is chosen. A discussion group held at the last Kingdom A&S Collegium generated many new ideas for future competitions; your Local Officer should have a summary of these. Please contact your Local Officer or the Kingdom A&S Office with any ideas or opinions you may have concerning future Competitions.

In service,

Marie

FROM THE KINGDOM CHRONICLER

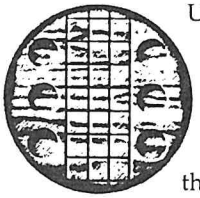
All hail, *The Outlandish Herald* has been championed! Al–Barran's own Jarl Hrothgar stands supreme amongst all other challengers as our hero! *The Outlandish Herald's* first prize tournament ever was a tremendous success. This was because of the efforts of many of you, the brave combatants, the generous fencers, the amazing Argent Harts who donated beautiful works, and especially His Majesty Irel, who was very generous in allowing us to auction a royal dance (purchased by Duke Johann w/ a little help from his friends, at $85.00). Together we earned a combined $700 net in proceeds for *the Outlandish Herald.* The greatest amount of donations came as a result of the generosity of several members of the Argent Hart (Lady Etain, Master Louis-Philippe, Mistress Francesca, Duchess Leah) who made spectacular items for the silent auction. It should be noted that Lady Ava was much more gracious than I in the bidding for a gorgeous pair of red gloves made by Master Louis–Philippe. We kept outbidding each other, then mutually agreed to share the expense (and the gloves). The Come As You Aren't Revel was hilarious. Prize winners included; best female–Lady Stephanie who came as a very convincing Sir David; best male–His Majesty Irel who came as a not so convincing Doña Ainrea, but was exceptionally amusing just the same; The most distinctive change in persona–Mistress Ælflæd who came as a lady of the Italian Renaissance, hosting a gorgeous gown and a fully made-up face. (We've got pictures!)

In other news, I am still looking for a replacement to this office. If you know of someone who may be good for the position please let me know. I would like to have a definite successor fairly soon. The quickest and cheapest way to contact me is through email: reesie@swcp.com or reesie@lairware.com Either address goes to my mailbox. This is for OH submissions as well. It makes this job much easier when I don't have to retype everything. If you want to send your submission snail-mail because of a picture or map, please do, but also send an electronic copy. And make sure it is COMPLETE. Thank you.

With best wishes for a terrific holiday,

Helena

FROM THE MINISTER OF THE EXCHEQUER



Unto the populace of these fair Outlands, greetings and wishes for a warm hearth this day. I would wish to thank all the groups who have been so patient and willing to help as the handbooks and policies with their changes take effect. I could not have accomplished the needed changes without such a willing populace. In January, I will publish a list of those groups and gentles who have contributed to the Outlands this past year. If I miss you, PLEASE let me know so I can track down the contributions. We have received the Outlands proceeds from Estrella, and all group money has been distributed for volunteer hours worked. If you have not received your funds, let me know.

The subject of the month seems to be stale dated checks. A stale dated check is one which is "usually" 180 days from the date it was written. There are a growing number of financial institutions who do not honor checks written more than 180 days. In an effort to curb this problem in the Outlands, I need all of you to help. As far as incoming money is concerned: Treasurers, deposit your funds monthly. Heralds, give your submission money to your treasurer monthly. Local chroniclers, give your subscription money to your treasurer monthly. Autocrats, keep a detailed list of your pre-paid event fees and give those fees to your treasurer monthly. The outgoing checks should be handled in a like manner. Treasurers, only process check requests when the bill is going to be paid. Heralds, only request a check when you are ready to mail your packet to your superior. Autocrats, deliver the checks processed by your treasurer for your bills promptly. As a member of the populace, it falls to you to police yourselves. If your check hasn't cleared the bank in 2 months, contact the group treasurer responsible for the deposit. KEEP contacting them until the check clears. Because the Outlands has adopted a tough policy on returned checks, I do not feel it fair or reasonable to hold someone accountable for a returned check that is 6 months old or older.

May your money bags jingle,

Aldyth

INTERKINGDOM ARCHERY COMPETITIONS

As this years competition draws to a close, the current standings in the OPEN division of the Interkingdom Archery Competition as of Oct. 25 are: 1) WEST-303.3. 2) MIDDLE-273.6. 3) ANTIR- 264.6. 4) CAID-256.3. 5) EAST-259. 6) ATLANTIA-237 7) ATENVELDT-217.3. **8) OUTLANDS-214.3. Ld. Morcar- 227, Sir Mark von dem Falkensfenn -220, Stitan of al-Barran- 196.** 9) CALONTIR- 203. 10) ANSTEORRA- 177. 11) MERIDIES-163.3. 12) TRIMARIS- 140.6.

In the MODERN CROSSBOW division the scores are: 1) MIDDLE- 266.6 2) CAID-222. 3) WEST- 215.6. 4) ANTIR-193. **5) OUTLANDS- 177.3.** Ld. Peregrine Elric of Courtenay- 209, Daffyd of Emmett- 166, Ld. Morcar- 157.

For information or rules, send a SASE (business size) with 32 cents postage for the IKAC rules. For the IKCAC rules or both the IKAC and IKCAC rules send a SASE (business size) with 55 cents to the Keeper of the IKAC and IKCAC: Sir Jon Fitz-Rauf, c/o John R. Edgerton, 7662 Wells Ave, Newark CA 94560-3530. Or email at: sirjon@netcom.com.

~CHARTER FOR THE AWARD OF THE CORDON ROYAL OF THE OUTLANDS~

I. There shall exist in the Kingdom of the Outlands an award, known as the Cordon Royal, which may be given to those persons whose work has been of great service to him during his reign.

II. The holders of the award shall be styled Bearers of the Cordon Royal, and shall be entitled to place the initials B.C.R. after their names.

III. The insignia of the order shall take the form of a belt upon or attached to which shall appear a stylized rendering of the King's initials, the form of which will be determined in turn by each King who chooses to bestow his cypher.

IV. The award shall convey neither arms nor precedence, and only one person shall receive the award each reign.

V. Amendments to this charter shall be made by the Crown of the Outlands.

(Original charter dated May 23, 1987, signed by King Johann and Queen Kathryn) The following amendments were made September 9, 1987, by King Artan and Queen Tara:

VI. Articles III and IV shall be deleted.

VII. The insignia of the Order shall be some rendition of a belt, armill, garter, or suchlike, as shall please His Majesty to bestow. Bearing a rendering of the King's initials; the form of which shall be determined in turn by each King who chooses to bestow his cypher.

VIII. The award shall be non-precedential. Companionship shall be limited to 3 (three) awards per reign.

The following amendments were made October 5, 1996, by King Irel and Queen Ileana:

IX. Article VIII shall be deleted.

X. The award shall be non-precedential.

FROM THE SCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the Red-Tape issue the BOD asked that we, as members, consider some questions that will be discussed as the members travel for meetings from kingdom to kingdom during this next year. Not all of the questions or philosophical thoughts were published. Here are the rest of them;

Questions: Is the mission statement in the Board's Procedures Manual adequate? Do we need more than that, or less? How can Directors be elected by the membership? Should they be? If so, what other functions have to be turned over to the membership by CA nonprofit laws and regulations, and how does CA law treat members outside CA/US? Should the corporate office remain in Milpitas, or should it move to an area where costs for rent, salaries, etc., might be lower (and where risks from natural disasters might be lower)?

Ideas (Radical and Semi-Radical) Neither list is exclusive: Need to find a better reward system for volunteers (especially corporate and kingdom officers; need to redistribute power; 'separation of church and state' —split out executive authority for the seneschalate, leaving legislative and judicial authority with the Crown; complicated by power of Crown to select/appoint kingdom officers; "When people are immune to social pressure, there is no way to deal with the immortal"; consider other ways to select royalty, e.g., nomination of pool of highly qualified people, then selection by lottery.

Kingdom of the Outlands
Event Registration Form

Mail this completed form to Mistress Katrine Vanora of Maidstone c/o Nadine de'Bacco, P.O. Box 158, Gering, NE 69341. Send a copy to the Kingdom Chronicler with your newsletter article. Please print clearly! If you have questions, call Katrine at (308) 436-2690.

Event Name:_____Event Date(s)_____

SCA Branch:_____Modern Name_____

Site Opens (day/time):_____Site Closes (day/time)_____

Modern Name & Address of Site_____
Clear Directions_____
_____
Site Amenities & Restrictions_____
_____

Approximate Cost of Event:_____We plan to publish the event in the OH____Yes ____No

Name & Address of Nearest Medical Facility:_____
_____Distance to Site in miles: _____

Other pertinent information:_____
_____

Autocrat SCA Name:_____Member#_____Expires_____
Modern Name_____Phone (___)_____
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Seneschal:
SCA Name_____Modern Signature_____

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SCA Name_____Modern Signature_____

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SCA Name_____Modern Signature_____

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Date Received:_____Approved: _____Yes _____No
If no, give reason_____

Assistant Kingdom Seneschal:_____

** Event Form revised October AS xxxi **

Please be sure to keep a copy of the Event Registration form for your own records as this will be the last time it is published in The Outlandish Herald for at least six months.

DRYGESTAN MIDWINTER

December 7

Come join us all for a Prize Tourney and feast on the heart-warming plains of Drygestan. The tourney will run from 9:00 a.m. 'til noon at 1925 Rosina Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico. There will be both heavy and light weapons tournaments. Child Care will be available by reservation.

The following menu is based on 10th-11th century Viking food. You may note that there is NO FISH on the menu. A vegetarian menu is available with reservation upon request. All questions may be directed to the feast coordinator, Lord Coerten.

Appetizers:	*Bread w/ Honey Butter* *Fruit* *Persian Date Nut Balls*
First Remove:	*Honey Marinated Chicken w/Almond Garlic Sauce* *Pears in Red Wine*
Second Remove:	*Stewed Lamb* *Mushroom Pasties*
Third Remove:	*Beef & Barley Stew* *Spiced Aubergine*
Dessert:	*Baked Spiced Apples*

The feast will be held at the Santa Fe Womans Club which is located at 1616 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, NM. The feast site will open at 3:00 p.m. with supper beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Sites Fees:	$10.00 (til December 1, 1996) $11.00 (after that), children ages 6-12 are half

Directions: TOURNEY: I-25 to Cerrillos Rd., North to Osage (about four miles), left on Osage (one block) turn right on Rosina. Continue about one block, on the left.
FEAST: I-25 to Old Pecos Trail. Proceed about three miles, pass two stop lights and take the right before the light at Chamiso. About a half mile on the left.

Autocrat: Heidi Wallace 1925 Rosina Street,
Santa Fe NM 87501, (505) 982-9841(wk)
Feast Coordinator: Lord Coerten Van Voorhees (505) 757-6872
Fencing - Don Soren of Erlinstar
Heavy Weapons - The Honorable Lord Bela the Kergan

HUNTERS FEAST

December 7, Windkeep

The harvest has ended, the hunters are home, and Yuletide is fast approaching. The Shire of Windkeep asks all who will to pause with them to reflect upon the world and join them in a Hunters Feast to be held December 7, 1996 at the Lions Park Community Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The site will open at noon and close at midnight. This site is damp, beer and wine only, and in period containers. The event is limited to the first 100 reservations, and there is NO sideboard seating. If you desire crash space or motel reservations contact Master Rhys.

If we are blessed with clear weather during the day, there will be heavy and light weapons pick-up fighting and other outdoor games. Indoors there will be board games, weaving and sewing, and visiting (bring your own board games, weaving/sewing materials and mouth). Master Rhys will sponsor a bardic competition during the feast, as in past years. There will be a sign-in sheet at the troll. Throughout the day there will be an informal competition for best hunters theme (garb/tablesetting/banner) to be arbitrarily judged by the kitchen staff.

There will be a soup and bread lunch from about 1:00 p.m. until about 2:00 p.m., for a donation. The main feast will start about 6:00 p.m. If the Crown attends, and so wishes, court will be held prior to the feast. The feast will consist of the bounty of the land and whatever the hunters and gatherers of Windkeep provide. If you are vegetarian, or have food allergies, or aversions, please contact THL Aldyth and she will prepare dishes suited to your tastes.

The fees for the event are as follows: Site and Feast $10.00 with children under age 6 free, and those ages 6-12 half the price. For reservations made, but paid at the door $15.00. For availability of reservations after Nov. 15, contact THL Aldyth directly. Please mail reservations to the autocrat, with checks made payable to SCA-Windkeep. Be sure to include legal name, society name, address, phone number and member number, and local group on your check. Also include a list with all of the above information if you are paying for others.

If you would like to help clean up or serve, please contact THL Aldyth directly. Merchanting is welcomed in the hall before the feast, but must be coordinated in advance.

Directions to the site: Take I-25 to the Central Ave. turn off. Turn East at the stop light, and proceed East, taking the right turn into Lions Park. You will take the second left turn from there, and proceed through the park to the turn for the Botanical Gardens, on your left. The Community House will be across from the gardens. There will be signs.

Autocrat: Master Rhys Afalwin (Larry Hammons), 10700 Ranch Rd, Cheyenne WY. 82009, (307) 632-1133, email: MasterRhys@aol.com

Keeper of the Feast: THL Aldyth Trefaldwyn (Debbie Hammons)
Address & phone info same as above, email: aldyth@aol.com

— CAER GALEN MIDWINTER —
ARGENT COLOR COURT

December 14, 1996

Winter curls its ghostly fingers, leaving the trees glistening like frosty jewels in the pale sunlight. Our ever-present wind swirls off our snow-crowned cliffs and through the frozen bracken, howling its sweet lament to the dying of the autumn. The Shire of Caer Galen cordially invites you to join us at our Midwinter Celebration to be held December 14, 1996. The site for the event is the Chautauqua Community Hall, 900 Baseline Road in Boulder, CO. The Site opens at 2:00 p.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m. Peers Circles will be held Sunday morning at the Athens North gathering room in CU Student housing. A potluck brunch will be provided, please contact the autocrat for updated details.

Site Restrictions: No pets, smoking in designated areas only. **THIS IS A DRY SITE.** NO ALCOHOL, NO KIDDING!

To augment our wintry weather, the theme of this year's celebration is Argent Color Court. Gentles are encouraged to wear their best in white and silver. Prizes will be awarded for most beautiful costume in theme, best costume with a theme pun, best costume worn in blatant defiance of the theme, and most in need of bleaching by the end of the evening. There will also be contests for table decoration and sotelties. The feast will consist of Continental delicacies seen in the Holy Roman Empire during the ascendancy of the Borgias (sans deadly additives). The menu is as follows (*Vegetarian):

On the Table: Breads, butters, cheeses, chutney, and honey
First Course: Winter Salat (*V)
Second Course: Hare and Beef in Pasta
Open-faced Pastry with Vegetables (*V)
Third Course: Capon in green sauce
Salmon in sauce with rice
Striped Blancmange (*V)
Fourth Course: Dessert Sideboard/Sotelties

Fees & Reservations: Site: $7.00/Site + Feast: $16.00/Children's Feast: $8 (6-12, under 6 is free.) Off-board seating available, but EXTREMELY limited! Make checks payable to SCA–Caer Galen. Send reservations to the autocrat *(see below)*. During the feast there will be entertainment, and after the feast there will be dancing, revelry and our famous Caer Galen Musical Chairs. Also during the evening the traditional polling for the next bearer of the Harp of Caer Galen will be held.

Directions: *From the north,* take I–25 south to the Hwy. 119 Exit. Take 119 to Boulder, then take Foothills Parkway (Hwy. 157) south to Baseline Road. Turn right and go west on Baseline approximately 3 miles to the Chautauqua Park entrance (sign on left side of road). Turn left into park and follow signs to the community house. *From the south,* take I-25 north to I–36, west to Boulder. Exit off of I–36 at the Baseline Road exit, turn left. Go west on Baseline approximately one mile to the Chataqua Park entrance (sign on left side of road). Turn left into park and follow signs to the community house. Directions to Sunday's peer circles will be provided at the feast site.

Autocrat: Mistress Kathryn Brian Chevreuil -called Brianna- (Kathryn Kaufmann)
601 Avante Court, Lafayette CO 80026, (303) 666-0430
Chef de Cuisine: Mistress Mirianna Wrenne (Valerie Oswald) at (303) 394-4003

AL-BARRAN MIDWINTER FEAST

December 21, 1996

Come forth and show yourself noble and bold in the company of greatness. The Barony of al-Barran invites you to the most sumptuous Midwinter feast ever presented! Sir Andre de Foucault, one of the finest chefs in the barony, shall thrill your palate and awaken your senses to the color and pageantry of the Italian renaissance. Come feast, dance, sing, out-dress your fellows, and intrigue to the delight of the court. Be there for the return of our beloved Baron and Baroness, Needham and Susan, as they grace the barony with their return from Bethlehem. Present yourself before the court and make your place in the glory that is al-Barran. Hearken to this call! Stay not alone with meager repast in a shoddy tavern shivering beside an unworthy fire...come to al-Barran and bask in the glow of the renaissance. Be at the traditional site for an event that shall surpass all expectations on December the 21st. The site will open at eleven in the morning and we shall revel till midnight! The celebration of the return of their excellencies will begin at 2:00 p.m, with the feast to follow. Court will be held after the feast at approximately 5:00 p.m.

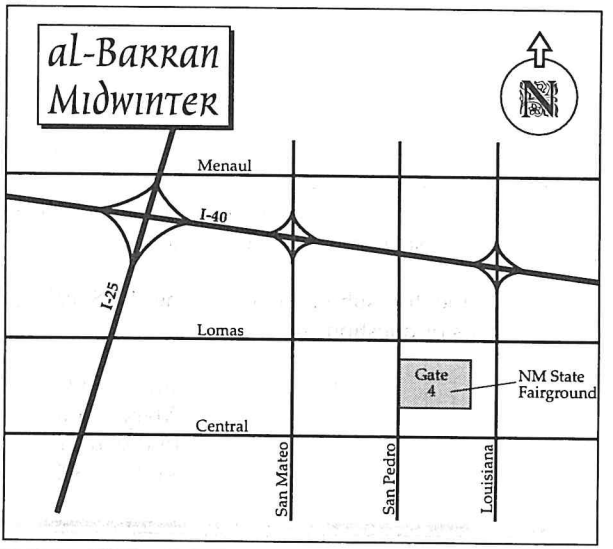
The site is the NM State Fairgrounds–Leon Harms Youth Hall in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The entrance is off San Pedro between Central and Lomas, remember to tell the gate guard that you are with the SCA. Bring your personal and decorative banners–the hall is large and can accommodate the display of all. There shall be contests for those who show the appropriate decadence of the period. Be conspicuous!

The sumptuous repast wherein Sir Andre shall delight those with even the most discerning appetites shall include; *Olives, Ricotta cheese, Chicken Liver Toast, Marinated Artichokes and mushrooms, Calamari, Soup with Noodles, Chicken with Piquant Sauce, Millet Polenta, Vegetable Pie, Veal Rolls, Herbed Rice, Zucchini Salad, Marsala Mousse, Molded Gelatin, and Raisin stuffed Yeast Cake.* This menu is adapted from "OPERA" ca. 1570 Bartolomeo Scappi, "DE HONESTA VOLUPATE" ca. 1474. Plantina based on the recipes of Martino of Como, Writings of El Baghdadi ca. 13th century.

After the feast, court will begin as soon as it pleases our Royal guests. Then court and Middle Eastern dancing will be enjoyed, songs sung, entertainment and music will abound. There is a cash bar, so please remember that no liquor will be permitted to enter the building.

Members:
Site; $7.00/Feast & Site **after December 1st;** $20.00

Non-Members:
Site; $10.00/Feast & Site **after December 1st;** $23.00



Children between ages twelve and eighteen: $10.00 for Site & Feast
Children under twelve: free

Please send advance reservations with checks made payable to SCA–al-Barran, PO Box 27676, Albuquerque, NM 87125. Unfortunately, there will not be a children's room available this year, so if you do wish to bring your children, please plan ahead for their care.

Autocrat: Mistress Celine d'Hermain (Cynthia Harris), 4221 Mesa Verde SE #6 Albuquerque NM 87108, (505) 254-0586, email: selene@unm.edu.

Autocrats assistant, Reservations, Crash space : Lady Emma of Essex (Barbara Kashinski), e-mail; LdyEmma636@aol.com, (505) 821-7510

Servers: Lord Iannan (John Conwell), iannan@trail.com, (505) 438-0779

Entertainment: Lady Gwenlyn Aldwyn (Michelle Myers), (505) 299-7155

Additional inquiries may also be made directly to al-Barran's seneschal:
Sir Christoph Gately (Chris Anderson), (505) 877–3761

~*Artists Wanted*~

The Caerthen Building Fund is looking for artists for the 1998 Artists of the Outlands Calendar. This is your chance to have your work published where non-SCA people will see it; hanging in offices and homes of SCA and non-SCA gentles. We know there are many wonderful artists out there in our glorious Kingdom of the Outlands; new artists and established artists, some well known, and some unknown (until now). Perhaps even someone you know who just needs a little nudge to get them to try submitting something.

Calendar art requirements: black and white only; horizontal orientation, manageable size that will reduce or enlarge well to 8.5 x 11 inches; original work or high quality near professional grade prints only.

Chosen artists will need to sign a release allowing the Building Fund to use their work. You will retain full rights to the piece, and will not receive any monetary compensation for our use of it; but you will receive a copy of the calendar signed by each of the artists featured in the calendar.

The deadline for submissions for the 1998 calendar is March 31, 1997. Send submissions or questions to:

Caerthen Building Fund Calendar 1998
c/o Mary Conley
5015 Beach Ct.
Denver, CO 80221

CAERTHEN TWELFTH NIGHT

January 4, 1997

Their Excellencies, Walter and Fiachra, would like to invite you to Twelfth Night to be held this year at the castle of Mistress Mirianna Wrenne and Lady Gabrielle Cartier (the castle is mundanely known as Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds). The site will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 11:00 p.m. We will be celebrating the New Year as an English country festival. Mirianna lives in 1450's England, but you can pick your own time period.

Lady Gabrielle, a Chef Extraordinaire, from our sister country of France, is preparing a feast featuring English fare throughout the centuries. The menu includes: hot spiced apple cider, cheese, spiced honey, breads, Devonshire chicken, glazed carrots, spiced spinach, Barthlomas Beef, a pickle platter including beets, mushrooms, eggs, and a dessert buffet. (All subject to change, a full menu will be available at the door.) Off board seating is limited so please specify that you want it in your reservations. If you have any food allergies or special food requirements let the chef know before the 1st of December. As of this writing, this is a dry site. That means any gifts of alcohol must be sealed and put away. If you are interested in entertaining during the feast contact the autocrat in advance so a schedule may be prepared. There will be a sign-up sheet at the door.

Children's activities will be available during the day. Parents must volunteer one hour of the day at the children's area. Lady Catarina is working on a lot of great ideas for the children. Please bring a snack to share for each child. There will also be a sign-up sheet for this activity.

During the day we will be practicing the dances of later that night. Games and puzzles will be available for use all day and evening. Lady Arwen is working on some period card games, rules and instructions will be available from the Caerthen scribes guild for a nominal fee. Depending on space and time there may also be some classes. Contests to go on all day are; best garb for male, female and child, early, middle and late period; best accessorizing to garb (hats, shoes, gloves, etc.); best place setting or table decorations; best promissory blank AoA scroll for kingdom; and best blank Baronial scroll (for Aspen Gilded Leaf, etc.) The contest "best example of a period picture that looks like someone who is part of the SCA today" (need to show a picture of both), will be sponsored by Master Daffyth of Emmett. Lunch will be provided as part of the site fee.

FEE SCHEDULE

Reservations November 1st – November 30th: site $9.00, site and feast $18.00. Children ages five and under are free, ages 6-10 site $3.00, site and feast $6.00, 11-14 site only $3.00, site and feast $10.00.

Reservations December 1st – 21st (cutoff!): site $9.00, site and feast $22.00. Children ages five & under are free, ages 6-10 site $4.00, site and feast $7.00, 11-14 site $4.00, site and feast $11.00.

Phone reservations will be accepted but must be confirmed with payment within two weeks or forfeited. Your name will go onto the waiting list on a first come basis. Please include both Society and Mundane names with the reservation payment. Checks should be made payable to SCA-Caerthe and must include your Society name and group.

Donations of prizes will be gratefully accepted anytime between now and the event. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up, as servers, teachers for classes etc. There will be work parties at Caerthen fighter practice to create the panorama walls for the Barony on the 3rd and 4th Thursdays of December. If you have artistic talents or just want to play with paint, please join us.

A procession into court is being planned. If you wish to do so please have a list of your full name and titles written on a 5x6 card. For more information on this grand event please contact the appropriate person listed below:

Merchant Contact: Lady Kseniya Mikhailovna Morskaya (Melissa Mormon), 4725 W. Quincy Ave #1513, Denver CO 80236, email mmorman@stout.entertain.com

Mail reservations to: Lady Marguerite d'Isere (Pearl Marquez), 1604 South Raleigh St, Denver CO 80219

Phone/email reservations to
Autocrat: Mistress Mirianna Wrenne (Valerie Oswsald), (303) 394-4003
email thortman@abwam.com

Directions: Take your best route to I–25 and 6th Ave. in Denver, Colorado. Go west on 6th to the Indianna exit. Turn left on Indianna to the first traffic light that you can turn right on. Then left onto the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. There will be signs.

Tentative Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m.	Site Opens/set-up
11:00 a.m.	Classes start Children's activities start Board/Card games avail. A&S Table, Scroll display Display of Master Daffyth's contest opens
Noon	Lunch Begins
1:00 p.m.	Classes continue
2:00 p.m.	Depending on Crown and Coronet, possible court set-up
3:00 p.m.	Children's activities end set-up feast, court, procession
4:00 p.m.	Feast begins
7:00–7:30 p.m.	Feast ends. Set-up dancing Children's activities cont. Court continues (?)
9:00 p.m.	Children's activities end
10:00 p.m.	Dancing ends, clean-up begins (any and all help will be most appreciated).
11:00 p.m.	Site Closes

Attention all rattan fighters. Are you coming to Caerthe's 12th Night? If you are, then why not plan to stay over and get in a little practice in group combat?

The Barony of Caerthe is again hosting TWO war practices in January. Come join with other Outlands (and visiting) rattan fighters sharpening those group combat skills. The practices will be held in the General Purpose building at Jefferson County Fairgrounds (same location as 12th Night). The Building is lighted, has heat, and a forgiving dirt floor (compacted and damped down for good footing and low dust). This is a DRY site. Membership and authorization cards will be checked.

When: January 5th and 19th, 1997. 10:00am to 5:00pm
Where: Jefferson County Fairground, Gen. Purpose Bldg., 15200 W. 6th Ave, Golden CO.
Fee: Brass Bowl (please be generous)
Directions: 6th Ave west to Indiana exit; south (left off exit to 6th Ave Frontage road (1st light past on/off ramps); west (right) on Frontage Road to Fairgrounds entrance on south (left) side of road; follow the entrance road to buildings; General Purpose building is the first on the right.

Contact: Lady Cecelia Corr Mhaire (Mary Conley), (303) 433–0132,
email: mconley@castle.cudenver.edu.

Artists of the Outlands Calendar for 1997

Order now to get your copy of the first edition of the Artists of the Outlands Calendar. Featuring a black and white format, with room for noting all those revels and tournaments.

Calendars are only $5.00 (+$1.50 for postage and packaging charge). Send check or money order for $6.50 made out to Caerthen Building Fund, with your name and mailing address to the following:

Caerthen Building Fund Calendar
c/o Mary Conley, 5015 Beach Ct., Denver CO 80221

Further information may be obtained from the above address or email:
mconley@castle.cudenver.edu

TWELFTH NIGHT

January 11, Plattefordham

The gentlefolk of the Shire of Plattefordham invite one and all to come and share their Twelfth Night Celebration with them. A Lord (or Lady) of Mis-Rule will be selected in a traditional manner. There will be buffet refreshments and outrageous games to honor this Mid-Winter Festival. It is also our plan and desire to have some music and story-telling as well. If you are a musician, please feel free to bring your instrument.

The site of this event is St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Casper, WY. We have the use of their lovely parish hall. The site is discreetly damp with no smoking indoors. The site will open at 6:00 p.m. and close at Midnight. The site fee is $5.00, and covers everything. Please make checks payable to SCA–Plattefordham. Crash space will be provided in the event the weather behaves in a typically Plattefordham fashion. This is an adults only event.

Directions: Take your best route to Casper, then to I–25. From I–25 take the Poplar St. exit. Drive on Poplar to Collins, then Collins to Wolcott, turn right on Wolcott and drive until you see the church which will be on your left. All parking is on the street around the church.

Autocrat: Lady Mavis Reynebaud of Falcon's Keep (Joy Marsh),
2571 S. Jefferson St. apt. D, Casper WY 82601, (307) 237–1795

SCORPION'S HOLLOW DANCE REVEL

January 18-19

Come one, Come all! Take mule, horse, oxcart or carriage. It doesn't matter how you do come, just be sure that you get to Scorpions Hollow (Clovis, NM) for the Court and Middle Eastern Dance Workshop. Join us in the dance, or please come and teach us what you know. The dance workshop will open Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and close Sunday at 6:00 p.m. A warm and hearty feast will be served Saturday night to those who attend. The cost for this event is $6.00 per person (this is site and feast).

The site is wet and has facilities to house 75 persons overnight. The site is the grand manor of Lady Nanette Rochelle which is located at 1002 Hondo, in Clovis NM. There will be directions published next month. This event promises to be most entertaining for all those interested some of the finer aspects of our Society, dancing and feasting! For updated information contact the autocrat. See you there!

Autocrat: Angus Mackay (Doug Offutt), (505) 276–8534
Site Coordinator: Lady Nanette Rochelle(Nancy Brace), (505) 762–1359

CITADEL TWELFTH NIGHT

January 11-12

Welcome all to the yearly celebration of 12th Night. This year our theme will be A Taste of the Trade Routes. There will be wonderful dishes from many lands, from mainland Europe to the exotic lands in the East. There will be tourneys and a good time for all. The site for Saturday day will be Memorial Park for the war practice. Some of the fighting scenarios planned include a double bridge battle, a castle battle, and an Open/Broken field battle. This site will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. The Saturday evening site is the Tobin Park United Methodist Church (auditorium), located at 9410 Roanoke in El Paso, Texas. This site will open at 2:00 (for cooks) and at 4:00 for general set-up. The feast will start at 6:00 p.m, after which there will be a court. This site will close at 11:00 p.m.

The feast menu will be as follows:
Mezzeh and 1st remove from the Eastern Mediterranean
Mezzeh (trays of small appetizers) and pita bread
First remove: Khoreshe Fesenjan (chicken with pomegranate sauce), chelo (rice), addas (lentils)
Second remove, from Genoa: Penne Pasta with Pesto and Pignoli, Ices of Orange and Lemon
Third Remove, from Rothenberg: Goulash mit Knodel (spiced beef w/dumplings), cucumbers w/sour cream
A sideboard of English desserts from London: Trifle, Mincemeat, Tarts, Gingerbread, Marchpane

Please send your feast reservations in early as we can only seat 150. The site fee will be $7.00, the feast will be an additional $5.00. During the feast there will be a silent auction. We will have some great items, so come prepared to make a bid. There will also be entertainment during the feast.

On Sunday all will gather at Album Park for the variety of tournaments to be held for everyone's amusement. The most notable of these events will be sponsored by our own queen, the noble Elisheva. As this will be Her Royal Majesty's birthday weekend, there will be a Queen's Whim Prize Tourney held to honor the many glorious fighters in these Outlands. Her Majesty thereby encourages all fighters to come and celebrate the day by entering this fond tournament and winning the Queen's favor.

Circles will be held at the Crown's Pleasure. Courts will be held as it pleases both Their Majesties, Torin and Elisheva, as well as Their Excellencies, Berold and Eirianedd.

Autocrat: Lord James Eldon (Tod Rutkowski), 19401 Beth Wald St.
El Paso TX, 79938, (915) 988–7406

HISTORICAL QUOTES

Sir Francis Drake 1540– 1596: There is plenty of time to win this game, and to thrash the Spaniards too.
Queen Elizabeth I 1533–1603: Anger makes dull men witty, but it keeps them poor. *Elizabeth to Robert Cecil, on her deathbed:* Must! Is *must* a word to be addressed to princes? Little man, little man! thy father, if he had been alive, durst not have used that word.
King George I 1660–1727: I hate all Boets and Bainters! *King George II 1683–1760:* Mad is he? Then I hope he will *bite* some of my other generals!
King Harold of England 1022–1066, his offer to Harold Sigurdson, invading England: He will give him seven feet of English ground, or as much more as he may be taller than other men.
Henri IV 1553–1610: I want there to be no peasant in my kingdom so poor that he is unable to have a chicken in his pot every Sunday.
Educational filler: from The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, third edition, 1980, University Press

WINTER FOLLIES

January 25, Blaiddwyn

The incipient College of Blaiddwyn cordially invites one and all to celebrate the season by visiting us in the Barony of al-Barran on January 25th. Come join in the day's fun and many activities including watching the college members vie for the honor of being the new Captain of the Guard and/or Rapier Champion! This event will guarantee for all a terrific opportunity to practice your melee skills, both with heavy and light weaponry!

If enough of the College of St. Golias shows up, we may try to pick a fight...or we may stay inside the feast hall, drink hot cider and play games! Feast with us! Dance with us! Laugh with us! More details will follow in the next OH, but if you can't wait, please contact the autocrat or feast coordinator at your leisure.

Autocrat: *Admiral Ainrea MacCulloch (Wendy A. Neathery), 4221 Mesa Grande SE #6 Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 254–0586, neathery@unm.edu

Feast Coordinator: THL Rowanne of Hamilton (Gail Howell), (505) 262–1208

**Admiral is defined as being the "Current Captain of the Guard AND Rapier Champion"*

IMBOLIC FEAST AND MASKED BALL

February 1, Gleann Medonach

Unto all good people of the Outlands, greetings! The Shire of Gleann Medonach wishes to invite one and all to come and enjoy our Seventh Annual Imbolic Tourney and Feast to be held on Saturday, February 1st, 1997. The feast promises to match or even exceed past Imbolic Feasts. The Feast will be a Masqued affair so be sure to bring your fancy masks. There will be a grand prize for the best mask for both adults and children.

The tourney site will be the Sunken Pond area of Cahoon Park on the corner of 4th and Union in Roswell, NM. The tourney will start at 2:00 p.m. The combined event and feast fee will be $10.00 for adults, $5.00 for those under 15, and free for those under six. Non members will add an additional $3.00. Please make all checks payable to SCA–Shire Gleann Medonach. Remember to put this event on your calendar and join us for a most enjoyable time. We look forward to seeing you!

Autocrat: Lady Catlin (Catherine Elliott) 84 E. Eyman
Roswell NM 88201, (505) 347–2171

CANDLEMAS

February 1st, Dragonsspine

Join Ye in the Crusades, Be Ye Sinner, Saint, or Saracen!

Come forth all ye of the brave hearts, quick wits, and strong arms, for Dragonsspine holds its annual Candlemas very soon at the Sallie Bush Community Center. Join us as we celebrate the Crusades in fun, competitions, and merriment. This year's feast will be prepared by Baroness Miranda and the Cooks Guild of Dragonsspine. The feast will be modeled after the Italian Renaissance (the end of the Crusades), and is limited to 100 persons. Please send your reservations to the autocrat, ASAP. The site will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. Court will be held at the discretion of Their Majesties and the noble Coronets of Dragonsspine.

The menu includes (but is not limited to);
Stuffed Eggs, Bollito Verduri (Beef and vegetables in green sauce), Linguini al Limone, Polo (Chicken stuffed with rice, fruit, and pine nuts), Torte die Spinacia (Spinach pie), In Salata (Salad), Panforte (Fruit, nut, and spice cake).

As always, do indicate any special dietary needs at the time of reservation. Please make checks payable to SCA—Dragonsspine. All minors must have a minors waiver and designated person over age 21 appointed as guardian for the event.

Fees: Site and feast for paid reservations by Jan. 15; $10.00
Site fee after Jan. 15 and at door; $4.00
Feast fee after Jan. 15 if available; $9.00
Children 12 and under; No site fee, feast 1/2 price

There will be a heavy weapons list (to open at 11:00 a.m.), and a rapier list (also open at 11:00 a.m.) Contests include a Garb Competition in which an award will be presented for the best use of the color purple in garb from any of the Crusades. Children's activities will also be available throughout the day. If there is enough snow, martial competitions will become snow ball fights between fencers and heavy weapons fighters along with anyone else who wishes to participate. If it is just too cold to fight outside, martial competitions will be held indoors with a modified format.

Directions: Take I–25 to Colorado Springs. Take exit 141 (hwy. 24 west), and continue on until the SECOND Green Mountain Falls exit. Turn left and follow signs.

Merchants are welcome but please remember space is limited. A donation to the prize pool will serve as a vendor's fee. For more information on this glorious event, potential crash space or reservations, contact the autocrat.

Autocrat: Lady Ayslynn merch Guincatan (Pat Coleman), 3451 Queen Anne Way, Colorado Springs CO 80917, (719) 597–4944, email: coleman@ppcc.colorado.edu

DRAGONSSPINE ARTS & SCIENCES COMPETITION AT CANDLEMAS

The title says it all --- except for categories, which will be: Calligraphy; Illumination; Metalwork (armor, weapons, jewelry); Fabric (spinning/weaving, garb, embroidery); Leather (armor, garb, decoration); comestibles (food, drink); Performing Arts (song, music [vocal/instrumentall, skits, dance), and Other.

All may enter the competition with the highest placing Dragonsspinian becoming Baronial Champion. There will be several prizes offered.

We have moved our A&S competition to Candlemas to avoid conflict with Coronation. We expect to return to our original November weekend next year. Watch for notice.

Lady Ayslyn has graciously agreed to provide space for this competition at Candlemas. To return the favor, we will try to be prompt and concise. The site opens at 10 am, whence A&S entries will be accepted. Judging will start at 11:30 and be completed by 2:30, with tear-down completed by 3:30 to allow feast set-up.*

** Performing Arts will occur from 4:00 - 5:00, followed by Court.*

If there are any questions regarding the competition, please contact Duchess Selene of the Sky, c/o Penny Tegen, 2926 Valarie Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80917-3832, (719) 597-5259.

PS: I need judges! Please volunteer.

APRIL FOOL'S MASQUE BALL

March 29, Windkeep

Join us in tsilly frivolous games for yet a third year. If the weather allows we shall have heavy weapons and fencing as well. Masque making and games shall be inside. Prizes shall be given for best masks plus other silliness. Royalty of "Fools" shall be chosen by chance. Complete information will appear in forthcoming OH's.

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ESTRELLA WAR XIII

February 11-17, Atenveldt

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez, announcing in its thirteenth successive year, the one, the only, Estrella WAR!! Come join us for many exciting activities throughout the weekend including: Open Field Battles, Broken Field Battles, Castle Battles, Resurrection Battles, Prize Tournaments, Arts and Sciences abound, Archery, Rapier, Revels, Feasts, Courts, and so much more!

The site is again at Estrella Mountain Regional Park, but this year we open a day earlier, at 12 noon, on Tuesday, February 11th 1997 and close the following Monday the 17th at 4:00 p.m. Site fees have been kept the same as last year, so for those arriving on Tuesday through Thursday the site fee is $35 per person, and for those arriving on Friday or after the site fee is $30. As usual there is a $5 discount for members, and in addition, **this year the Crown has asked that all those under the age of 16, arriving with a paid adult, be allowed in free of charge.** Cash only. No checks.

Merchants Row has been moved to the old archery fields, and in doing so we have made space for an additional 65 merchants spaces so Merchants Row promises to be more illustrious then ever. Merchants Row will have the capability of staying open later into the evening this year so those that fight, and those that watch the fighting can still shop to their heart's content. In addition a spectacular Midnight Madness sale is scheduled for Saturday night with specials galore.

An additional 40 acres of camping space has been freed to help alleviate any crowding problems. A supplementary shower truck has been arraigned for to lessen the lines and speed us back to the fun. If you need to arrange for tents, a special deal for SCA members has been negotiated with Tri-Rentals in Phoenix. You can call them at (602) 966–3474 and mention that your in the SCA. Also, we have changed our contract with the park so that mundanes will not be permitted to camp overnight this year.

The Arts and Sciences categories this year are, glass, cartography, and armour. In addition there will be a great variety of A & S classes offered for those with interest. As always we are still in need of volunteers. Your group will be reimbursed funds for your volunteer hours worked. You might consider coming in force to Estrella as a local fundraiser!

If you have World Wide Web access on the internet you can find the Estrella War page at www.estrellawar.com. This site contains a tremendous amount of detailed information on this grand event. Please take a look at your convenience. Otherwise, contact the appropriate coordinators (listed below) with your queries and/or requests. We look forward to seeing all of you there for another year of great amusement and terrific fun!

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Outlands Estrella War Liason webpage: http//www.swcp.com/~reesie/war.html

GREAT WESTERN WAR I

Cousins in War - Comrades in Celebration
February 11-17, Caid

The populace of the Known Worlde is invited to the first annual Great Western War, an Inter-kingdom gathering to celebrate the arts of war and of peace! On the third weekend of February, XXXI a.s. (1997 a.d.) Prado Park in California will host the first encounter of the Great Western War. Prado is 2,280 acres of grass and trees, open fields, woods, and a beautiful lake. Many of the camp sites have water and electricity. RV campsites are available by prior arrangement so come early for a lakeside camping area. Horses are available for rental, and the lake permits fishing and boating.

Fighting: The battles this year will be designed in consultation with military strategists from throughout the Known World. Combat archery will figure prominently in several battles. Additionally, we offer a new feature for western warsites–Woods Battles!

Merchants: We have a beautiful shopping area on a grassy lawn overlooking the lake. A huge tent will be available for merchants without pavilions. There will be a Midnight Madness shopping frenzy Sunday night. More information on selling at the Great Western War is available from the autocrat.

Cost: Adults arriving Tuesday thru Wednesday will pay $31.00; adults arriving Thursday thru Sunday will pay $25.00. Children over 6 years old but under 14 years old pay half adult rate; children under 5 years old - Free (Families with more than two kids pay the children's rate for the first two children (ages 6 - 14), rest of the children free.) All children must be accompanied by parent or LEGAL Guardian, with a notarized minors waiver and medical waiver, or be an emancipated minor with proof. We will be checking. Checks will be accepted; but there is a fee for NSF's!

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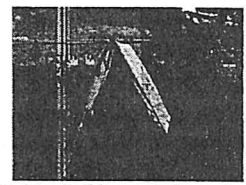

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For more information on children's activities, Art & Sciences, and many other aspects of this noble event look to future announcements in the OH or check our website (complete with site pics) at: http//www.artnet.net/~cphillips/GWWHome.html

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ONE MAN'S LEGEND
CAN BECOME MANY MEN'S PLEASURE
BEFORE YOU CAN COUNT TO TEN
BECAUSE OF ONE MANS TREASURE

COME WITH ME
AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE TO GO
AND LOOK UPON HIS GREY BONES
AT HIS GRAVE OF ROCK AND STONE

IT IS SAID
HE DIED A SAD DEATH AT WAR
HE HAUNTS THESE PARTS IN A SHADY BED
LOOKING FOR LOST SOULS TO PRAY FOR

NO FEAST OF BLOOD
DOES HE SEEK TO FIND HAPPINESS
IN HIS CRIES OF DEATH, JUST DEATH
RUN, RUN OR YOU DROWN IN HIS SORROW

One Man's Legend,Written by Victoria Childes (Kristin Cecilia Phillips), House De Gilbert, Age X, Kahlland

SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

by Countess Ælflæd of Duckford

People wonder sometimes what it takes to become a Pelican, Laurel or a Knight in the Outlands. Usually people ask nicely, although on occasion the "question" is more of an insult or accusation. I cannot speak *for* the circle, but I can speak *of* the circle.

First and foremost the Order of the Pelican is a peerage order. It's not a service award. The Pelican was the third of the three orders of peerage to be established, and it was created for the recognition and elevation of those whose personal achievements and service to the Society equalled the requirements for Knighthood and Mastery of Arms (which together comprise the Order of Chivalry), and the Order of the Laurel.

Peers are created by the King and Queen. The orders do not choose their own members. When a new Pelican is made it is because the Crown wishes to elevate that person. While they must consult the members of the order who attend the meetings, they are not required to have their approval, nor can they be constrained by the circle. In a healthy and friendly kingdom, which the Outlands tends to be, these realities present no difficulties, but it's worth reminding people upon occasion than the circles do not dictate to the Crown.

What I will explain now might not be the main considerations in other kingdoms, and might not be uniformly believed by every Pelican in the Outlands. I'm trying to be totally fair, but can't help some subjectivity, so this will be "fairly subjective." Many people serve the Society. Most people who are active serve in one way or another. If service hours were trading stamps a lot of people would be buying tents and camping equipment with their SCA Service Stamps. It is possible to get a local service award based on a volume of work, on length of service, on quantity, on visibility. It is possible to get a kingdom service award the same way. An evil mean person (were there to be any in the Society) could earn a service award. An evil mean person should not (if the order and the Crown are diligent) be made a peer.

To be considered for membership in the Order of the Pelican a person should have a body of work which the members can discuss. Then discuss a set of traits such as honor, courtesy, dedication, attitude and generosity. Does the candidate have the bearing of an ideal peer? Does the candidate care about what's period and what isn't? (It's not just for Laurels, this concern with adding to, and not detracting from, the atmosphere.) Is the candidate living a well-rounded SCA life, or just operating on one plane, concerned with one small aspect? Is the candidate respectful of the Crown? When the candidate travels, will we be proud to have him or her representing our kingdom, or a little wary? Is the candidate helpful to new members? Knowledgeable and encouraging? A big question sometimes for Pelican candidates is whether the person has done any damage. Motion isn't always progress, and if other Pelicans and officers are having to clean up after someone, it's probably not a good time to hold him up to the entire kingdom as an example of the way life should be.

Overheard recently: "Why should they discuss people's character?" Because we're looking for integrity so that we can entrust the honor and the future of the Outlands to these people. It will be argued now that others represent the Outlands and contribute to its future and that's true. Peers are set apart, though, and are the King's counselors and the teachers of squires and apprentices. If we made it easier to become peers there would be more peers but it would mean less.

While peerage is important it is not the be all and end all of the SCA. We must focus on creating good tournaments and feasts for newer members, for older members, and for one another. In doing what the SCA was created to do we have daily opportunities to test our abilities, commitment, honor and our sense of duty. In the course of the creation and maintenance of SCA groups and projects some people shine. When frustration strikes they show self control and courtesy. When choosing between themselves and others they show generosity and compassion. When the King and Queen decide they wish there were more than one of that person, they might be elevated to the ranks of the peerage. *[Ed. note, Ælflæd is both a Pelican and a Laurel]*

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a college within al-Barran

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Roswell, NM

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Archery practice: 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays at old Roswell airport. Contact Seneschal

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Equestrian Practice: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6-10 p.m. at CSU Equine Center. Copies of SCA membership and current health insurance required. Contact Rosslin (970) 484-2213, email: sjmoyes@ lamar.colostate.edu

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White Mountain — **Shire**

Alamogordo, NM

Seneschal: Lady Sylvia Stjärnstirrare (Cecelia Quintana) P.O. Box 254, La Luz NM 88337, (505) 437–3561

Fighter Practice: Sundays 2 p.m. at Alameda Park

Archery Practice: Saturdays 4 p.m. at Lady Sylvia and THL Tore's in La Luz; see above

Armor Workshop: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. at THL Tore's

Windkeep — **Shire**

Cheyenne/Warren AFB, WY

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Group Count of *OH* Labels

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GROUP	1st Class	3rd Class
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Caerthe	67	95
Citadel	7	23
Dragonsspine	20	46
Unser Hafen	21	42
Aarquelle	7	7
Anlieplic Dun	-	3
Aird Beinne Duthaich	2	5
Caer Galen	23	31
Caer Mithin Halle	1	7
Drygestan	8	23
Fontaine dans Sable	3	4
Gleann Medonach	1	7
Hinterland	2	10
Kahlland	1	7
Loch Thioram	1	2
Nahrun Kabirun	4	23
Plattefordham	3	5
Rio de las Animas	4	13
Saint Golias	3	13
Scorpions Hollow	3	6
White Mountain	4	6
Windkeep	5	11
homesteaders	3	5
out of Kingdom		
West	2	19
(Australia - air mail)	3	
Eastrealm	1	14
Midrealm	2	23
Atenveldt	3	44
Meridies	1	12
Caid	-	10
Ansteorra	2	39
Atlantia		7
AnTir	1	13
Calontir	1	14
Trimaris	2	8
Drachenwald	1	1
TOTAL	**246**	**741**
(air mail)	**5**	

These statistics are compiled by Jarl Gunwaldt Gulbjörn

The kingdom group counts are based on the geographical divisions of the kingdoms. The local group counts are based on my knowledge of each group's boundaries and the growth of the Outlands. As each group petitions for official status, its lands may or may not be explicitly stated in mundane terms (modern boundaries or zip codes). Some divisions are very traditional in nature and others are obvious from the geographical surroundings. The homesteaders are those addresses which fall outside reasonable distances to any group center at all.

Of course, none of these numbers have significant meaning. They are only label counts and not overall population counts. They are only relative indicators of the health of our groups. One can quickly see that our baronies are hale and most of the shires are stable. Even the incipient groups are well informed through the pages of this newsletter.

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